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## GOVERNMENT IN FOCUS: Park funding restored

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Legislation was introduced this week to help metroparks throughout the state restore a \$1.2 million loss in funding.

If passed, the legislation will restore funding to Michigan metroparks and other eligible authorities.

The legislation addresses the consequences of the 2004 acceleration of county property tax payments that led to the loss of funding for parks such as:

- **Huron Meadows Metropark, and**
- **Kensington Metropark**

The legislation consists of two bills.

The first bill requires the state to restore payments to the counties for metroparks and other eligible authorities, including libraries, transits and airports.

The second bill requires counties to pass these funds on to authorities.

Senator Garcia is a co-sponsor for this legislation.